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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
MASAHIKO SATOH : EXAMINER:  
SERIAL NO: NEW APPLICATION :  
FILED: HEREWITH : GROUP ART UNIT:  
FOR: FIXING APPARATUS AND :  
IMAGE-FORMING DEVICE :

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application  
as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.